Oil Companies have received 50 established complaints against their LPG distributors for indulging in various malpractices during the year 1999-2000. Action was taken against such distributors for the established malpractice/ irregularity, depending upon its nature as per the Distributorship agreement in vogue.

Quantum of Crude and Petro Products Imported

4219. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated quantum of import of Crude, Petroleum and Petoleum Products during 1996-97 and 1997-98;

(b) the estimated cost thereof in terms of dollars and rupees, respectively;

(c) the quantum of the said import made under long term contract and that purchased from the open market, and

(d) the average transport cost in terms of dollar and rupee respectively for crude oil imported during the said years through all the sources on the basis of import made between April 1997 to March, 1998?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY) : (a) and (b) The estimated quantity and value of import of crude oil and petroleum products during 1996-97 and 1997-98 were as under :—

	Crude Oil			Petroleum Products		
Year	Quantity million metric tonnes (MMT)	Value $ Million	Value Rs. Crore	Quantity million metric tonnes (MMT)	Value $ Million	Value Rs. Crore
1996-97	33.905	5134.97	18312.08	19.467	4194.92	14965.14
1997-98	34.493	4246.08	15832.13	18.600	3148.13	11754.71

(c) The procurement of the above quantities through term contracts and throuth tender systems is furnished below:

(Fig. in MMT)

		1996-97	1997-98
Crude Oil	Term Contract	22.680	22.799
	Through Tenders	11.225	11.695
Kerosene	Term Contract	1.796	1.670
	Through Tenders	1.928	1.534
High Speed Diesel	Term Contract	4.376	5.040
	Through Tenders	9.085	8.736
LPG	Term Contract	0.066	0.432
	Through Tenders	0.970	0.656
ATF	Through Tenders	0.150	0.055
Fuel/LSHS	Through Tenders	0.644	0.117
Motor Spirit	Through Tenders	0.448	0.358
AV Gas	Through Tenders	0.004	0.004

(d) Since the procurement of crude oil is through a combination of CNF/FOB cargoes, no separate data on transportation cost is maintained.

Finalisation of New Scheme for fixation of Oil Royalty

4220. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 959 given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th December, 1999 and state :

(a) the details of the new scheme finalised for fixation of oil royalty on the basis of international oil price;

(b) the time by which it will be made applicable;

(c) whether Government plans to set up a Petroleum Training School and an Oil Museum in Assam considering the background and potential of oil industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, indicating schedule of implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY) : (a) and (b) With a view to evolve a new Scheme of royalty on crude oil applicable w.e.f. 1-4-1998, a